

# Observer

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Force shaping

Two force shaping phase II briefings are scheduled for today at 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the base theater.

Call Tech. Sgt. James Rogers at 456-5607 or Airman Alexandra Herrera at 456-2541 for more information.

### ID cards

The Military Personnel Flight ID card section opens Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for servicemembers requiring ID cards, common access cards, or dependent ID cards. Call Ms. Charlotte Hikes at 456-3710 for more information.

### Closure

The 2d Medical Group closes all services, including the refill pharmacy, Thursday at noon for an official function.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

### Today

Mostly cloudy



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### Saturday

Mostly cloudy



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### Sunday




Mostly cloudy with chance of rain



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## 2D BOMB WING SCOREBOARD

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours			
Goal:	577.4	461.7	227.1
Flown:	146.6	199.5	52.4
Remaining:	430.8	262.2	174.7
As of: June 11	-47.8	+4.8	-38.4



Airman 1st Class Kevin Camara/2d CS

Ground crewmembers guide an F-15E parking on the Barksdale flightline Wednesday. The fighter jets, from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., are the first of their type to participate in Air Warrior II, an ACC exercise happening this week.

# F-15s become air warriors

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY  
OBSERVER

F-15E Strike Eagles have been flying across Northwestern Louisiana skies this week in support of the Air Warrior II 04-08 exercise.

The Air Combat Command-sponsored exercise supports the Joint Readiness Training Center by teaching Air Force aircrews how to coordinate with ground units.

Maj. Joel Hampton, 548th Combat Training operations director, faced a few obstacles, but foresees success.

"The exercise is going well," the major said. "Weather has been a factor, but we are working through it."

The exercise is coordinated by a Barksdale tenant unit, the 548th Combat

Training Squadron, which falls under the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The squadron's primary job is to run the Air Warrior II exercise, which has seven to 10 exercises a year.

"The objectives of this exercise are to train Air Force pilots in the art of close air support and combat search and rescue," said Master Sgt. Thomas Fortier, 548th CTS.

Nearly 80 Airmen and six F-15Es from the 345th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., are supporting the exercise at Barksdale.

The Army units involved during the ground exercise are from the Virginia, West Virginia and Guam Army National Guards, which are working out of Fort Polk, La.

By its design, the exercise cements the

Air Force's promise to the Army in 1947 to "always be there to support you" by providing support to light-infantry brigades.

"This exercise is different because it is the first time F-15Es have deployed for an Air Warrior II exercise," Sergeant Fortier said.

Unlike most Joint Readiness Training Center exercises, Air Warrior II is different as it executes a 12- to 14-day exercise without interruption.

Though the exercise involves many units abroad who visit the area, Barksdale is a key player in the exercise.

The 548th CTS's next exercise begins in August and will be Joint National Training Center Exercise Air Warrior 04-09, which will involve several units from all four armed services.

# Adapting the AEF - longer deployments, more forces

**Commander's note:** Last week I talked about the value of change and why we must embrace opportunities to adapt and take advantage of better ways to accomplish the mission. Gen. Jumper really changed the AEF deployment time from 90 to 120 days. His vector is clear and I wanted to make sure every Deuce warrior read his words, so here is the Chief's vector:

For the past 12 years, our Air Force has adapted to the demands of a changing world. Beginning in the early 1990s, we developed composite wings, expeditionary organizations, and crisis-response packages that allowed us to rapidly deliver combat capability to combatant commanders.

In 1998, we formalized the structure into 10 Air Expeditionary Force packages. These responsive air and space capabilities allow us to present forces in a consistent manner and conduct military operations across the spectrum of conflict. Throughout the late 1990s, our AEF concept of operations has proven itself time and again. Even with the high demands of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, our AEFs surged to support the combatant commanders' war fighting and deterrence missions, employing nearly eight AEFs of combat forces. When major air and space operations diminished last year, we began the process of reestablishing the AEF battle rhythm.

Our reconstitution target was March of this year, but the continued demands of global operations, additional contingencies in other theaters, and a tasking to support Army operations with 2,000 of our expeditionary combat support forces required us to reassess our planning

assumptions, and to adjust our AEFs to a new mission set.

Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time. We have a new rotational requirement for nearly 20,000 Airmen — about three times the demand prior to September 11, 2001. Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field. To adapt to this new set of circumstances, I've directed a change to the AEF rotational cycle and have asked our major commands to expand the pool of deployable Airmen in each AEF.

Beginning with AEF cycle 5 in September 2004, the baseline deployment will be 120 days vice 90, and the AEF cycle will change from a 15-month rotational cycle to a 20-month cycle. We will continue to expect that each Airman will deploy only once during each cycle, although some stressed specialties will deploy longer, and in greater frequency, until manpower levels are adjusted or the theater requirements diminish. For those already deployed in AEFs 7 and 8 (March - May) and those deploying in AEF 9 and 10 (June - Aug.), it is our intent to stick to our 90-day deployment cycle. For those identified to deploy in AEF 1 and 2 (Sept. - Nov.), you should prepare to be gone a minimum of four months. This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power.

It is important to remember several fundamental principles regarding our AEF concept of operations. First, we

are not changing

the basic composition of each AEF; each will

continue to provide about

five air expeditionary

wings and six air expeditionary groups of capability during each vulnerability period. Our low density, high demand units will continue to follow Defense department-approved deployment guidelines.

Finally, Air Force global mobility forces will continue to follow our AEF presence policy, with mobility aviation units postured in multiple AEFs to support the U.S.

Transportation Command mission and other combatant commander needs.

The 20-month cycle will continue to provide commanders and Airmen the ability to plan ahead, allowing a sense of predictability while providing greater continuity to the in-theater commander. Still, I recognize longer deployments will present challenges to our Reserve component, possibly affecting the number of Air Reserve Command volunteers, and requiring selected use of presidential mobilization authority. We will manage these matters very carefully, ensuring equity and fairness across the Total Force.

In addition to extending tour lengths, it is my intent to expand our pool of deployable Airmen from our current level of about 272,000. I have asked all of our MAJCOMs to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured in the Air Force Worldwide UTC System and our AEF libraries. The MAJCOMs will posture the maximum number of manpower authorizations into standard UTCs, and if required, we will develop new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities. Residual authorizations will be postured into associated UTCs and will be coded to support AEF requirements across the range of military operations.

Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his or her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in the continental United States via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are a part of the AEF.

We are at war today, and will remain engaged around the globe against a brutal and resilient enemy. Every Airman — active, guard, reserve, and civilian — must be focused on our national commitment to the global war on terrorism. Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the world so we never again have to deal with them on our own soil. You will be the difference between our success and failure in this vital cause. Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation.



## Action Line

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged.

Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.

Call the Action Line at 456-4000 or email [action.line@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:action.line@barksdale.af.mil)

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## Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ...  
in war ... to victory!

## Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide  
responsive, flexible and accurate bomber  
combat power and operational support to  
warfighting commanders.  
Anytime, anywhere.

## Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other  
to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and  
professional wellness and growth

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# Take a look inside 2d AMXS

BY LT. COL. PETER AXELSON  
2D AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON COMMANDER

If you haven't visited the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, this article may be your first introduction to the professional men and women who are the 2d AMXS.

Our squadron was created Sept. 16, 2002, as a result of the Air Force's reorganization. Our members hit the ground running and over the last 21 months have exceeded all challenges.

The mission of the 2d AMXS is to 'Maintain the 2d Bomb Wing's fleet of B-52s in support of worldwide conventional and nuclear combat operations providing global response and sustained firepower in support of regional combatant commanders. More than 950 aircraft maintenance technicians support three bomb squadrons, the 340th Weapons Training Squadron and the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, and generate more than 2,200 sorties and 14,000 flying hours annually.'

The organization is currently made up of 967 enlisted professionals and 13 officers who are spread across three aircraft maintenance units and the squadron staff. Each of the three AMUs from the 11th Bomb Squadron,

the 20th Bomb Squadron and the 96th Bomb Squadron directly support their respective bomb squadrons. Each AMU is structured with an airframe and power plant general, or crew chief section, a specialist section, a weapons section, and staff functions, all led by a captain and a chief master sergeant. Squadron maintenance supervision, made up of a major and a chief, are tasked with managing the operations of the three AMUs.

The squadron staff is also unique with one first sergeant authorization per AMU, a full commander's support staff with a section commander and various staff functions critical to the operation of the largest squadron in Air Combat Command.

Our members are combat proven and continue to pass test after test at Barksdale and around the world. Their list of personal accomplishments include numerous ACC level awards, several wing awards and a multitude of 2d Maintenance Group awards.

Whenever and wherever the B-52 is required to support combatant commanders around the globe, you can bet the members of the 2d AMXS will be there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, fulfilling our vision that 'The 2d AMXS is the premier bomber maintenance unit ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!'

### 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron activities

Since the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron stood up 21 months ago, our combat-ready professionals have been challenged with the following taskings:

Red Flag exercise	October - November 2002
Global Guardian exercise	November 2002
Conventional Operational Readiness exercise	January 2003
Operation Enduring Freedom	September 2002 - June 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom	March 2003
Conventional Operational Readiness exercise	February 2003
Operational Readiness exercise	August 2003
Red Flag exercise	August 2003
Operational Readiness exercise	September 2003
Operational Readiness Inspection	October 2003
Surety Inspection	February 2004
Logistics Standardization and Evaluation	February 2004
Conventional Operational Readiness exercise	April 2004
Red Flag exercise	February - April 2004
Operational Readiness exercise	May 2004
Operation Enduring Freedom	June 2004 (ongoing)



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi/AFPN

## Funeral march

Members of a joint honor guard carry former President Ronald Reagan's flag-draped casket to a horse-drawn caisson for the funeral procession in Washington June 9. President Reagan laid in state in the Capitol Rotunda until June 11. He served as the military's commander-in-chief from 1981-1989.

# Jumper shares view on AEF cycle

BY TECH. SGT. MATT SUMMERS  
UTAH BEACH JOINT INFORMATION BUREAU

The Air Force chief of staff announced the extension of the baseline for deployments from 90 to 120 days and the change of the aerospace expeditionary force cycle from 15 months to 20 months.

The changes will take place beginning with AEF cycle 5 in September, said Gen. John Jumper in his June 4 Chief's Sight Picture. (See the Chief's Sight Picture on page two.)

The general said the Air Force intends to stick with 90-day deployments for those Airmen already deployed in AEFs 7 and 8 and those deploying in AEFs 9 and 10 (June to August). Airmen deploying in AEFs 1 and 2 should prepare for a four-month tour.

The general said one reason for the change is the Air Force component commander for the Central Command area of operations needed Airmen to deploy for longer tours. The extension allows greater continuity for expeditionary commanders supporting global contingency requirements.

"Make no mistake about it, Osama bin Laden killed 3,000 of our citizens on Sept. 11, 2001, and if he could have killed 30,000, 300,000 or 3 million he would have done the same thing without

one ounce of remorse," General Jumper said.

"We who wear the uniform are entrusted by our nation to deal with this situation, and we should all be very proud of that," he said. "We are the symbol of the pride and strength of this nation, and our citizens look to us to make sure that we don't get visited by the Osama bin Ladens of the world again."

The general said the demands on deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline in the near future.

"We've said from the beginning that we're going to have to let AEF mature," he said. "We've gone through four cycles now, including two major combat cycles ... and it's been proven to us that the 120-day cycle will serve us better."

"Many people in the stressed and critical fields are staying 120 days, and some of them more," he said. "It's going to help us overall with our tempo ... and quite frankly, I think it's going to make it easier on families rather than harder."

The general said he is aware that the 20-month cycle will present challenges to reserve units, possibly affecting the number of volunteers, and leaders will monitor the situation closely to ensure fairness across the total force.

General Jumper said the Air Force has a rotational requirement of nearly

20,000 Airmen — three times the demand before Sept. 11, 2001. He said he plans to expand the current number of 272,000 Airmen eligible to deploy.

The general has asked all major command officials to aggressively review situations where Airmen are excluded from AEF pairs. He also asked them to take immediate steps to maximize manpower authorizations in standard tasking codes, and if required, create new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities.

"If you're wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you're part of the AEF," General Jumper said in his sight picture. "This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power."

The basic composition of each AEF, including five air expeditionary wings and six air expeditionary groups of airpower and combat support capability, will not change. Low-density and high-demand units will continue to follow Department of Defense-approved deployment guidelines. Mobility aviation units will be postured in multiple AEFs to support the U.S. Transportation Command mission and other combatant commander needs. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Changes of command

#### 2d DS

Col. Terrance Kinyon takes command of the 2d Dental Squadron from Col. Gary Vigil during a ceremony today in the enlisted club at 10 a.m.

Colonel Kinyon comes from the 72d Dental Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Colonel Vigil goes to Lackland AFB, Texas.

#### 2d SFS

Maj. John Wilcox assumes command of the 2d Security Forces Squadron during a ceremony Tuesday in the enlisted club at 10 a.m.

Major Wilcox comes from Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. where he was a student.

The former commander, Lt. Col. Rollins Hickman, heads to Robins AFB, Ga., where he will be the deputy commander of the 78th Mission Support Group.

#### 2d CONS

Maj. Nathan Rump takes command of the 2d Contracting Squadron from Maj. Dudley Wireman during a ceremony Thursday in the officers club at 10 a.m.

Major Rump comes from the Air Force Research Laboratory's Rome Research Site, Rome, N.Y., where he was the chief of operational contracting.

Major Wireman heads to the Air Force Program Executive Office for Combat and Mission Support at the Pentagon.

#### 2d MDG

Col. Robert Todaro takes command of the 2d Medical Group from Col. Jerry Owen during a ceremony June 25 in the officers club at 9 a.m.

Colonel Todaro comes from the 59th Aerodental Medical Group, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas where he was the group commander.

Colonel Owen goes to the 59th Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, where he will be the deputy chief of hospital services.

### Motorcycle safety summit

A mandatory motorcycle safety summit is scheduled for June 29 at 9 a.m. in Hoban Hall. This is mandatory for all Air Combat Command motorcycle riders and encouraged for tenant organizations, supervisors of riders, or anyone anticipating buying, leasing, renting or borrowing a motorcycle in the next five months.

### Community expo

Barksdale's first community expo is scheduled Thursday at Hoban Hall from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free food, door prizes and T-shirts will be available.

Call Capt. Felicia Foster at 456-8006 or 2d Lt. Andrew Popoola at 456-1554 for more information.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Retirements

#### Master Sgt. Cooke

Master Sgt. Marjorie Cooke, 2d Maintenance Group, retires after 22 years of dedicated military service during a ceremony Thursday in Chapel One at 2 p.m.

Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Call Tech. Sgt. Troy McCabe or Staff Sgt. Mike Whitefield at 456-8986 for more information.

#### Maj. Savu

Maj. Thomas Savu, 2d Bomb Wing Manpower, retires after 21 years of dedicated military service during a ceremony Thursday in the Dougherty Center at 2 p.m.

Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Torres at 456-4247 or Tech. Sgt. Alisha Laird at 456-4299 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Bouillion

Master Sgt. Chris Bouillion, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, retires after 24 years of dedicated military service during a ceremony Thursday in the 96th Bomb Squadron theater at noon.

Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Keith Meadows at 456-5727 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Richards

Master Sgt. Raymond Richards, 2d Munitions Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony June 25 in the enlisted club ballroom.

Dress is casual for civilian and uniform of the day for military.

Call Master Sgt. Gary Easter at 456-2376 for more information.

### Motorcycle training

Base members must schedule a one-on-one counseling session with their unit commander and attend a motorcycle safety foundation training class before operating a motorcycle. The next three-day training course is scheduled July 8 from 5:30 - 8 p.m., July 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Gurunian at 456-5608 or Mr. Percy Adams at 456-5612 for more information.

### ALS

Airman Leadership School Class 04-F begins July 9. Students must report to the ALS auditorium no later than noon.

Uniform of the day is BDUs. Students are required to have all combination blues uniforms for the duration of the course. Appropriate outerwear is required including light weight blue jacket and BDU cap, not the squadron flight cap.

There is a spouses' orientation briefing scheduled at 12:10 p.m. Eligible students may bring their spouses to the briefing.



Tech. Sgt. David Miles/2d SVS

### *Can I get popcorn with that?*

Airman Bruce Proctor, deployed from the 2d Services Squadron, helps Airman 1st Class Burke Mills, deployed from the 314th Contracting Squadron at Little Rock, Ark., check out a DVD June 7 in the Hot Spot on Tallil Air Base,

Iraq. Both Airmen are currently assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. In addition to renting movies, the Hot Spot also offers a variety of games, a lounge area, the Cricket indoor theater and a television viewing area.

# Important: Proper cell phone use

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN

OBSERVER

Cell phones have become an essential part of everyday life, not only for personal use, but also for business. That use has not stopped at the civilian side of the fence, it also includes the military.

Family and friends routinely use personal cell phones just to stay in touch and many of us no longer think twice before reaching for a cell phone instead of a land line telephone. Some people have even eliminated their home telephone and gone totally cellular.

As the distinction between how we use cell phones and wired line telephones blur, it is appropriate to review policy governing the personal use of official cell phones.

We increasingly use Air Force issued cell phones to perform official duties. For this reason, it's important to know the proper use of Air Force issued cell phones.

"Both personally and professionally, military members need to comply with regulations," said Lt. Col. Richard Converse, 2d Communications Squadron commander. "Air Force Instruction 33-111, Telephone Systems Management, states cell phones are for official or authorized use only and misuse of cell phones can be punishable just as any other offense. You are allowed to make short, infrequent personal calls as you would from a desk-top phone, but you must check

with your commander to ensure that, based on local contract fee schedules, your limited personal calls do not generate additional costs for the government."

Servicemembers should only use Air Force issued cell phones for official purposes, with specific exemptions for authorized personal use.

Short infrequent personal calls are authorized when wired line use is inconvenient or would cause hardship, Colonel Converse said. For example, servicemembers are permitted to make calls informing family members of schedule changes, or to check on child-care appointments. Emergency calls are always authorized, he said.

However, servicemembers may not use Air Force issued cell phones for frequent or extended routine personal calls.

According to AFI 33-106, Managing High Frequency Radios, Personal Communications Systems and the Military Affiliate Radio System, members are allowed to use the second number of a non-secure, dual number capable cell phone for personal use as long as the individual assumes full responsibility for all charges pertaining to that number.

Although proper use is important, safety is also an issue when using cell phones.

"We have had several 'close calls' and a few accidents on base when either a driver or pedestrian are on their cell phone and not paying attention to their surroundings," Colonel Converse said.

"When possible, it is best to pull over or stop walking when using a cell phone. Additionally, do not use your cell phone while refueling your vehicle. Cell phones emit electromagnetic radiation that have been proven to ignite fuel vapors."



# Airmen receive Articles 15

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

From June 3 through June 9, four members of Barksdale Air Force Base received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A master sergeant failed to conduct an inspection according to the technical order. Punishment: suspended reduction to technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$200 for two months and a reprimand.

A senior airman exposed himself while attending a Mardi Gras parade in Shreveport and assaulted a civilian police-

man by striking him in the head. Punishment: reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

A senior airman tested positive for wrongful use of marijuana. Punishment: reduction to airman basic. Administrative discharge has been initiated on the member.

An airman failed to report for weekend accountability. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic and three days extra duty.

There was one discharge under the rapid airman discharge program during the above time frame.

# E-8 testing cycle window changes

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — All master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will now take the Air Force Supervisory Examination test between Dec. 6 and 17. The testing cycle will no longer be in January.

Air Force officials said ongoing aerospace expeditionary force deployments supporting the war on terror have dramatically reduced the number of eligible Airmen available to test during the current

testing window.

Moving the testing cycle allows more time for out-of-cycle testing before promotion release. The change will not affect the promotion announcement or the months during which promotions are made for the cycle. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out of cycle.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight's promotion and testing office at 456-4202.

## MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

**Unit:** 11th Bomb Squadron

**Family:** Wife: Maj. Carol Northrup, 608th Air Intelligence Squadron, children; Meg, 9, Anne, 5 and Jack, 3

**Past assignments:** Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Osan Air Base, Republic of South Korea; Scott AFB, Ill.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Minot AFB, N.D.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in political science, Air Force Academy; master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology, Louisiana Tech; master's degree in advanced air and space studies

**Off-duty time is for:** Spending time with family

**Hobbies:** Puzzle games, reading with my children and running (okay, jogging)

**What challenges do you see as a commander?** Adapting the changes programmed for the B-52H and leveraging information technology to improve efficiency



**Lt. Col. Parker Northrup**

**Goals:** Provide stability through effective management of change in the syllabus, implement virtual battlespace training within the environment and continue to graduate combat-ready B-52 crewmembers.

**Advice to those pursuing an Air Force career:** Take care of your personal life and always do the best job today on the task at hand; your career will take care of itself from there.



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observer

## Senior Airman Jani Camferdam



# BARKSDALE'S AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK  
OBSERVER

An Airman with the 2d Medical Operations Squadron was recently named Barksdale's Airman of the Month.

Senior Airman Jani Camferdam, a bioenvironmental engineering technician, was named Airman of the month for May.

Airman Camferdam was excited about winning the award.

"I was beyond excited because all my hard work finally paid off, I couldn't stop smiling," Airman Camferdam said. "I competed for the award in March of 2003, but I was not as prepared for that one."

Airman Camferdam's supervisor was equally excited she won.

"I was very glad Airman Camferdam won, but I can't say I was surprised she was selected," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Fruto, 2d MOS bioenvironmental engineering journeyman.

Determination and hours of studying boosted her confidence level, Airman Camferdam said.

"I expected to win, but you never know how well your competition is so I was still worried," she said. "My husband quizzed me all night long the night before and was excited I won even though I went up against one of his troops."

"During wing-level Airman of the month boards, I try not to presume who will win. In my view, all of the Airmen who are up for the award are winners," Sergeant Fruto said. "But I was highly confident Airman Camferdam would win."

Airman Camferdam's past experiences also helped her win the award.

"I was the president of the First Four Airman's Association in the past and that helped me during this board. Holding that position increased my speaking abilities, my military bearing, and my pride in everything I

do," Airman Camferdam said.

"She was very prepared for some time, all she needed was an opportunity to shine," Sergeant Fruto said. "Everyone in our office helped her prepare and in turn she has been quite generous in helping our junior troops prepare for their turn."

Airman Camferdam and Sergeant Fruto believe the Airman of the month program is a great way of recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding Airmen.

"Award programs like this are very important because they show Airmen going the extra mile pays off," Airman Camferdam said.

"Programs like this are very important because they emphasize to our Airmen that our being in the Air Force is not just a job; it's a vocation, a calling, a way of life," Sergeant Fruto said. "Immersing themselves into our history, heritage, and ongoing objectives, by preparing for a board, makes us better Airmen and makes for a better, stronger Air Force."

# Barksdale captains graduate weapons school

76 students complete U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev., Saturday

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN  
OBSERVER

Two Barksdale officers won awards upon graduating Saturday from Class 04-A of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Of 76 students from 14 squadrons, Capt. Raymond Partlow, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, earned the flying award and Capt. Brent Weisner, 11th Bomb Squadron, earned the outstanding graduate and academic award.

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony.

The class from the 340th Weapons Squadron includes eight students from Barksdale and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

The course is designed to produce weapons and tactical instructors. Students learn the skills to go back and lead their squadron in tactical deployment of the B-52, said Maj. Douglas Warnock, 340th WPS operations support flight commander.

"The course includes 420 academic hours including exams, four briefings, 19 sorties and a research paper," the major said. "The students learn something new at every sortie."

Graduates return to their units as weapons officers, serving as their wing's technical expert in weapons, weapon systems, force integration and employment tactics, and training procedures and techniques. As the commander's technical advisor, the weapons officer is the focal point for the design and execution of appropriate training programs that will improve the unit's wartime capability, according to the U.S. Air Force Weapons School Web site.

During the last three weeks of the course, which lasts 23 weeks and runs twice a year, students deploy to Nellis AFB for the capstone portion, or the mission employment phase, of the course, Major Warnock said.

"The students take everything they learned and incorporate it into the tactical employment of air and space power while they integrate with students from other squadrons to accomplish their mission," he said.



Courtesy Photo

From left: Capts. Marcus Glenn, Robert Fisher, Raymond Partlow, Brent Weisner, and Peter Terrebonne; Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander; and Capts. Brandon Parker and James Jagodzinski stand in front of a B-52. Capt. Byron Brunson is not pictured. The captains are graduates of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School Class 04-A. The students graduated Saturday at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., after participating in the 23-week course. The students from the 340th Weapons Squadron were among 76 students who completed the U.S. Air Force Weapons School.

Potential students are required to go through a competitive board process before being selected to attend the class, Major Warnock said.

According to the Web site, selection to attend the weapons school is highly competitive. Of those who qualify, less than five percent are selected to attend.

The Barksdale and Minot graduates of the class and their current and gaining units are:

- Capt. Byron "Burner" Brunson . . . 23rd Bomb Squadron 23rd BS
- Capt. Brandon "GQ" Parker . . . 23rd BS

- Capt. Robert "Tuna" Fisher . . . 20th BS 11th BS
- Capt. Marcus "El Guapo" Glenn . . . 5th OSS 5th OSS
- Capt. James "Jagz" Jagodzinski Jr. . . . 11th BS 96th BS
- Capt. Raymond "Twitch" Partlow . . . 49th TES 340th WPSI
- Capt. Peter "T-Bone" Terrebonne . . . 20th BS 2d OSS
- Capt. Brent "Weez" Weisner . . . 11th BS 20th BS

# Barksdale announces top fitness performers

The results from recent fitness tests are in and here are the best of Barksdale:

These individuals scored a perfect 100:	
Senior Airman Janella Potter	2d MDG
Senior Master Sgt. Victoria Hopson	917th WG
Airman Aaron Nikula	49th TES
These individuals scored 95 or better:	
2d Lt. Robert Toner, 2d MDG	99.75
Master Sgt. Stephen Robicheaux, 917th WG	99.00
Airman 1st Class Lanitra Higgins, 2d MDG	98.52
Senior Airman Alex Cardin, 49th TES	98.50
Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th WG	97.75
Maj. Joel Gotvald, 2d MDG	97.50
Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson, 2d MDG	95.00
Capt. John Vickery-Antonio, 2d MDG	95.00

These are the best run times as of June 16:

Male	
Airman Aaron Nikula, 49th TES	9:14
Senior Airman Alex Cardin, 49th TES	9:24
Master Sgt. Stephen Robicheaux, 917th WG	9:32
2d Lt. Robert Toner, 2d MDG	9:41
Maj. Joel Gotvald, 2d MDG	10:00
Capt. John Vickery-Antonio, 2d MDG	10:16
Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th WG	11:12
Female	
Airman 1st Class, Lanitra Higgins, 2d MDG	10:51
Senior Airman Janella Potter, 2d MDG	11:01
Senior Master Sgt. Victoria Hopson, 917th WG	12:30
Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson, 2d MDG	12:54
Scores are based on data sent to the HAWC. If a member's score is not reported here, contact the member's unit fitness program manager.	



Master Sgt. Michael Kaplan/2d CS

### *Time for a makeover*

Capt. John Schalter, 11th Bomb Squadron, removes a "stars and bars" decal on the 8th Air Force Museum's Beechcraft AT-11. The aircraft will soon receive a complete paint job followed by re-application of all period markings.



Tech. Sgt. Peter Desjardins, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, replaces rivets on the 8th Air Force Museum's Consolidated (Ford) B-24J bomber. Barksdale recently implemented an "Adopt-A-Plane" program, which provides base units and organizations an opportunity to care for specific aircraft and historical artifacts of the 8th Air Force Museum.



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observer

### *Say cheese*

The Military Personnel Flight ID card section opens Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The ID card section customer service staff opens their doors on Saturdays once a quarter throughout the year to provide additional hours for those customers unable to visit the MPF during their regular hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Free concert scheduled

### Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band performs free patriotic concert

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OBSERVER

The Shreveport Metropolitan Band performs a free concert 3 p.m. June 26 in Hoban Hall.

The 50-member band has a tradition of performing at Barksdale once a year, usually around Memorial Day, said Mr. Steve DePyssler, a retired colonel and Barksdale Retiree Activities Office director.

The band has been coming to Barksdale for about five years.

"We look forward to coming out to Barksdale every year," said Mr. Allen Swilley, Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band director.

Everyone is invited to attend the

free concert. The concert is open to all active-duty members and their families. Dress for the event is casual.

The band's playlist includes: American Civil War Fantasy, America, The Beautiful, At Dawn They Slept, Armed Forces Salute, Battle Hymn Of The Republic, El Capitan, Fantasy On "Yankee Doodle," God Bless America, God Of Our Fathers, Instant Concert, The Invincible Eagle, Liberty Bell, The Light Eternal, National Emblem, To The Unknowns, Opener-Strike Up The Band, Semper Fidelis, Star Spangled Banner, The Stars and Stripes Forever, The Thunderer and Washington Post.

Participation in the 50-member-strong band is open to all Barksdale active-duty members and their families who wish to join, said Mr. Bill Pampe, a retired major and president of the Shreveport Metropolitan Concert Band.

# Students win scholarship

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Mom and dad were right when they said, "Money doesn't grow on trees," but thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program it does.

Worldwide, 500 students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward their college tuition this fall.

Barksdale's winners are Cynthia Halwick of Bossier City and Jason Castleberry of Doyline.

Cynthia Halwick is the daughter of retired Senior Master Sgt. John and Mrs. Chong Sun Halwick of Bossier City. She is an 18-year-old graduate of Parkway High School and will attend Louisiana Tech University, majoring in biology with concentration in orthodontics.

Jason Castleberry is the son of retired Tech. Sgt. Bryan Castleberry and Mrs. Debbie Castleberry of Doyline. Jason is a 19-year-old sophomore at Louisiana Tech University. He plans to continue his studies for a political science degree at the university with career aspirations as an Air Force officer.

"Scholarship managers will mail all checks to the recipients by July 31," said Mrs. Elke Sprague, Barksdale Commissary secretary. "Checks are made payable to the college or university selected by the recipient."

"We're thrilled to report the scholarship program is an enormous success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Maj. Gen. Michael Wiedemer, Defense Commissary Agency director. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded more than \$3 million to nearly 2,000 students since its inception in 2001."

According to Edna Hoogewind, DeCA's program liaison, the grade point average of the scholarship recipients is between 3.8 and 3.9 and nearly

all are members of the National Honor Society, an organization that recognizes students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, character and a willingness to serve others.

A record-breaking 7,000 students applied to the program for 2004.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that support commissaries worldwide and is administered by the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers.

The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes toward scholarships. The general public can also donate to the program through the military scholar Web site at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

Students eligible to apply are unmarried children under age 21, or 23 if they're enrolled as a full-time student of active duty, reserve, guard and retired military members or survivors of deceased members.

The applicant must also be planning to attend, or is attending, an accredited college or university on a full-time basis.

Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. military academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited U.S. post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program.

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is available online. *(Courtesy of Defense Commissary Agency's Office Of Corporate Communications)*



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observer

## Learning CPR

Jade Malloy, 12, daughter of Tech. Sgts. Michael and Jennifer Bocconcelli, practices youth cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a mannequin Wednesday during the American Red Cross baby-sitting training course. The class included baby-sitting skills and techniques, infant and child CPR, first aid, safety and safe play, basic care, leadership and professionalism.

# Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

**Family:** Wife, Mickie and son, Christopher

**Hometown:** Jonesboro, Ga.

**Unit:** 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

**Job title:** Electro-environmental element chief

**Job description:** Supervising 17 electro-environmental system specialists and repairing B-52H aircraft

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Helping young Airmen meet their goals

**Goals:** Making master and owning a full-time lawn maintenance business

**Hobbies:** Managing and maintaining my son's motocross racing

**What motivates my winning attitude:** My faith in God

**Favorite TV show:** The Simpsons

**Favorite movie:** Miracle

**Favorite performer:** Mel Gibson

**Favorite sports team:** The Braves

**Favorite dish:** Steak and potatoes

**Favorite book:** The Bible

**I'm proudest of:** My son, and being a maintainer in the greatest Air Force in the world

**Person I admire the most:** My wife

**Best day of my life:** The day my son



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

## Tech. Sgt. John Greer

squeezed my finger the for the first time

**My best asset is:** Taking care of my people

**Pet peeve:** Airmen complaining about their jobs

**What I like most about Barksdale:** Having the privilege to work on the most powerful aircraft in the world

**If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be:** Recombine maintenance and operation squadrons

## 11th Bomb Squadron at a Glance

<b>Squadron commander:</b>	<b>2d Maintenance Group commander:</b>
<b>Lt. Col. Parker Northrup</b>	<b>Col. Karen Wilhelm</b>
<b>First sergeant:</b>	<b>Squadron Motto:</b>
<b>Master Sgt. James Barrett</b>	<b>Maintaining Global Power</b>

# Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty chaplain for emergencies: 456-2151

## Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.  
Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

## Protestant

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon  
Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.  
Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Dorm cookout

The chapel and 2d Security Forces Squadron team up to provide food and music for the dorm residents June 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

# The Movies

B A S E T H E A T E R

## Today

7 p.m. — “Man on Fire” R

**Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning** — A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard for the 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family that is threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her.

## Saturday

7 p.m. — “13 going on 30” R

**Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo** — Jenna makes a wish; if only she could be all grown up, she’d have the life she’s always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she’s 30 years old and not a 13-year-old anymore. What’s more, she is a gorgeous successful woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns having it all isn’t enough.

## Sunday

7 p.m. — “Laws of Attraction” PG-13

**Pierce Brosnan, Julianne Moore** — Two New York divorce attorneys, Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases at work?

Movies  
are subject  
to change  
without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3  
Children \$1.50

# “What’s Cooking?”

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

## TODAY

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks  
Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

## SATURDAY

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs  
Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

## SUNDAY

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish  
Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

## MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork  
Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

## TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon  
Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

## WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef  
Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

## THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken  
Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

## June 25

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers  
Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti





# FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER EVENTS

456-8400

Reservations required for all events.

**Kids on the move**

The center holds a seminar June 28 at 3 p.m. to help calm children’s fears and anxieties about moving while giving tips on how to make new friends and changing schools. A video on moving and an informational booklet provide the basis for this workshop, along with a discussion of where the children are moving to or from. Call 456-8400 for registration or more information.

**Personal, family readiness briefing**

The Family Support Center’s readiness team provides information and support Thursday at 2 p.m. to prepare for separation. Visit the center for this briefing to prepare active duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or temporary duty. Spouses or significant others may attend. Call 456-8400 for more information.

**Airman’s Attic**

Donations of spring and summer clothing for adults and children are needed to stock the Airman’s Attic. All clothing items should be clean and not stained or torn. These serviceable items can be dropped off at Family Services located in the Family Support Center Mondays through Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Airman’s Attic provides free household items, clothing, toys, uniforms, books and more to senior airmen and below and on a case-by-case basis for staff sergeants and above.

**Air Force as a second language book**

New Air Force spouses may enter the world of the military with many questions about acronyms, Air Force programs and services and benefits. An informative booklet answers many of the questions they might have and possibly some they haven’t considered. Interested individuals may come by the Family Support Center to pick up a copy.

**Survival guide**

A survival guide to local employment provides important job line numbers, personnel phone numbers, employment agencies and other information. Come by to pick up a copy.

**Single Airmen**

The Federal Trade Commission is asking that military singles be on the alert for various financial and other consumer exploitation such as identity theft and loan scams. The Air Force provides financial assistance through on-base agencies such as the Personal Financial Management Program at the Family Support Center. Air Force One Source is also available to provide additional support and help implement plans for avoiding scam targets, managing stress and taking care of Airmen. One Source also provides information on credit management, locates consumer rights information, assists with money management, budget and savings plans and helps with identifying and reaching financial goals. Log on to [www.airforceonesource.com](http://www.airforceonesource.com) (user id: airforce; password: ready) and click on “This month’s features” to read or download articles: identity theft, negotiating a new car purchase, buying auto insurance, dealing with traffic tickets, managing stress and taking care of yourself. Or call 1-800-707-5784 for more information in the United States.

**English as a second language**

This class provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, learning to speak, read and write English Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. These skills can aid in the transition to American culture. Call the center for more information at 456-8400.

**Relocation briefing**

All relocating members must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available for a smooth transition to a next duty assignment. Call 456-8400 as soon as possible to schedule a briefing. Spouses may attend.

**Cyber center**

The Family Support Center has 10 computer stations for Internet access, e-mail, and self-help software programs such as Discover, Scholarship Resource Network, Power Pay, Personal Financial Management, and Mavis Beacon Typing Test. The center is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Volunteers needed**

The center’s volunteer program provides a way to help others, make new friends and possibly fill any gaps in employment history. Volunteering at various base agencies can do all this and more. Child care is provided. Volunteers can make a difference by helping other Air Force members and their families. Call Family Services at 456-8400 to find out more about what volunteering has to offer.

**Parents, tots playgroup**

Fun for both parents and young children, this informal playgroup helps improve the social skills of pre-school children while improving parenting skills and child development knowledge through sharing with each other on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Chapel Two Annex.

**Education  
Center**  
456 - 2615



**Commissioning opportunities**

The Air Force needs navigators and air battle managers. Contact the Barksdale Training and Education Services Flight at 456-2615 for more information about the Officer Training School application process and a future as a commissioned officer.

**AWC, ACSC seminars**

Time is running out for enrollment in Air War College and Air Command and Staff College. Seminars begin in August. AWC applicants must enroll by accessing <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns.htm> to create an individual student account through the Student Information System. ACSC applicants must complete a Maxwell Form 117 by accessing <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/m-sd/pubs/maxforms/index.htm> and then faxing it to 456-3437. Contact Mr. Jim Merryman for more information at 456-2615.



## Heir Force

Barksdale’s Latest Arrivals

Born	Name	Parents
May 7	Ashley Nicole	Airman 1st Class Amber Ward 26th Operational Weather Squadron
May 13	Savanna Amelia Marie	Senior Airman Crystal and Kyle LaRose 26th OWS
May 24	Madison Paige	Airmen 1st Class Robin Lewis and Robert Lewis 26th OWS
May 26	Raven Denise	Senior Airman Michael and Candace Winders 26th OWS
June 1	Valerie Nicole	Maj. Stephen and Laura Cicherski 608th Air Intelligence Squadron

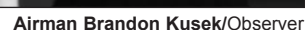
To announce your latest arrival, call the *Observer* at 456-5501 or e-mail [observer@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:observer@barksdale.af.mil).

**BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK**  
OBSERVER

The team consisted of 2d Lt. Jacob Schwartz, 20th Bomb Squadron; Staff Sgt. Melody McIntosh, 2d

"Airman Walton took a decisive win in the five kilometer run, but we dominated the tug-of-war," Lieutenant Schwartz said. "We knew we were favorites to win be-

“Each team member brought their own unique qualities and abilities that allowed us to finish in first place overall,” Lieutenant Schwartz said.



**Right: Airman Shelby Gaines runs in the five-kilometer run during the ACC Fitness and Sports Challenge at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Team Barksdale came in second place as a team in the five-kilometer run, but won the overall title. Senior Airman Adam Walton took first place honors in the run.**



## Standings as of Tuesday

# at your SERVICE



[www.barksdaleservices.com](http://www.barksdaleservices.com)

## Officer & enlisted clubs (456-4926) **Father's Day brunch**

Get Dad out of the house and take him to the officers club Sunday. The club offers a special Father's Day brunch that features roasted turkey with sage dressing, Virginia baked ham, red snapper with peppercorn sauce, carved prime rib, crawfish etouffee and a variety of fresh vegetables, desserts and traditional breakfast favorites. Draft beer is also available at the drink station.

Brunch is open to all ranks. Reservations are required. Seating times are 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call the club at 456-4926 to reserve a spot.

## **\$700 bingo jackpot**

People are winning big! Come get in on the action ... the jackpot is up to \$700. The buffet and early bird bingo start at 5:30 p.m. Club members get \$5 off bingo packs. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are welcome.

## Fox Run Golf Course (456-2263) **Golf with a pro tournament**

Shine up the clubs and the crystal ball ... the golf with a professional tournament is Saturday. Pick a U.S. Open tour player then go out and play a round at Fox Run. Individual scores, with handicap, will be combined with the tour player's score. The lowest combination wins. The entry fee is \$5 plus normal green fees. All entry fees are paid back as prize money. Pick a player today and sign up for this event.

## **Wednesday scramble**

Players can compete in Wednesday's scramble starting at 5 p.m. This is a blind draw, five-person scramble format. Names are pulled from a hat to establish teams. The entry fee is \$3 plus normal green fees and cart rental. All entry fees are paid back as prize money. Come out for some friendly competition.

## Part Day Enrichment (456-3776) **Fall preschool openings**

Fall preschool has openings for children ages 3-5, provided they are 3 years old prior to Sept. 30. Two, three and five-day classes are available and run from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Register Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. at the Part Day Enrichment Center. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and both parents' leave and earning statements or W-2's. Ten dollars is required at sign up and fees are based on total family income.

## Outdoor Recreation (456-3426) **Pool passes and parties**

Throw a private pool party with up to one hundred guests for \$70. Two life-guards remain on duty during the two-hour party. Guests provide refreshments of their choosing, however, some restrictions apply for alcohol. Call for details. Sign up for parties at the west pool. Purchase pool passes at either pool and at Gifts and Getaways.

## **Park reservations**

Reserve Cullen Park, Clear Lake Park or the Witch's Hut for group parties. Sign up at the Famcamp office at Cullen Park Wednesdays-Sundays, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All squadrons are authorized one free use of the park a year. A charge applies for additional uses. Call 456-2679 or stop by outdoor recreation to coordinate dates.

## **Swamp tour**

Sign up for some fun in the swamps of Caddo Lake in Uncertain, Texas, July 10. Caddo Grocery and Lake Tours has narrated tours of the scenic areas, backwaters, swamps and the big lake area. The tour guide has extensive knowledge of the lake's history and is eager to answer questions, during the glide through the Spanish moss-draped cypress trees. Photographers, birdwatchers and all tourists can experience spectacular, pristine surroundings. The cost is \$20 for ages 12 and above and \$15 for guests under 12 years-of-age. Call 456-3426 to sign up.

# Learn to Swim!

**Make summer more enjoyable with swimming lessons. We offer classes for:**

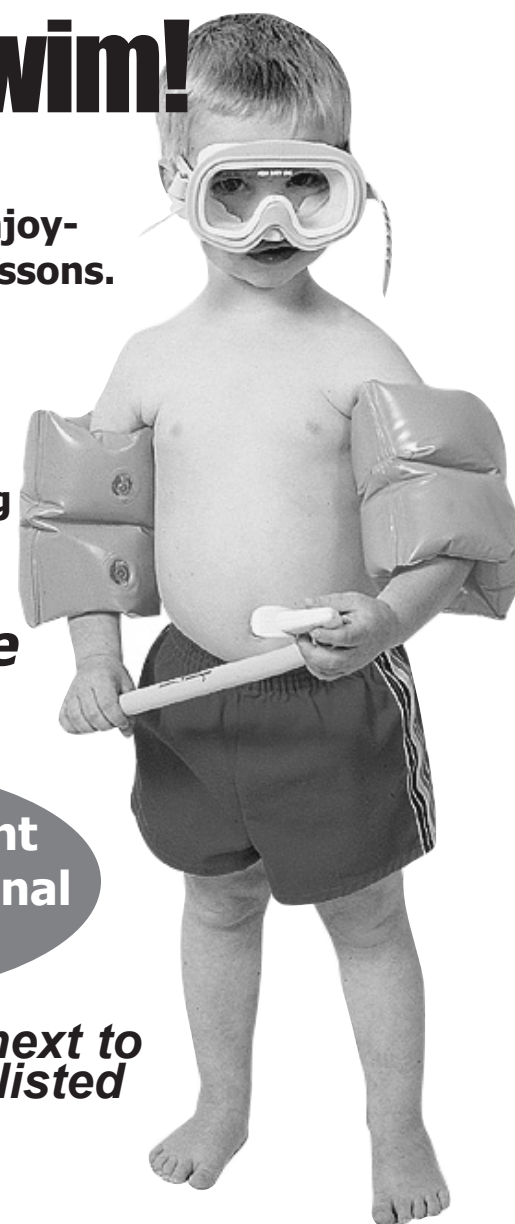
**Children  
Adults  
Fitness  
Red Cross training  
Parent/tots**

**Sign up at the west pool!**

**\$30 first student  
\$25 each additional student**

**Pools are located next to the officers and enlisted clubs.**

**Call 456-7765**



# Travel to June 26-27

# New Orleans



**Includes: chartered bus fare,  
double occupancy hotel lodging**

**Audubon Zoo tickets  
Aquarium of the Americas tickets**

**Price: Adult \$165  
Ages 12 and under \$145**

**Sign up at Gifts and Getaways  
or call 456-1865**

